

**PARKS, RECREATION AND CEMETERIES COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**March 5, 2015 – REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRPERSON BEBEE**

Chairperson Bebee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Bebee, Kelsey, Kwas, Lee, Thorburn

Absent: Turner, Wilson

Staff: Marcus Kirkpatrick

Guests: None

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 5, 2015**

The minutes were approved as presented.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**4. SPECIAL EVENTS**

A. Daddy Daughter Dance – The dance was held on Monday, February 23. There were 376 participants, which is up 60 from last year. The event was full and some people were turned away. Dennis Kellogg assisted with the event.

B. Mother Son Dance – The dance will be held on Wednesday, March 18. Currently, there are 55 registrations.

C. Meet & Greet with the Easter Bunny - The event will be held at the Enrichment Center on Tuesday, March 31. Kasi Kirkpatrick has volunteered to be our Easter Bunny.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

A. Senior Coordinator – Tammy Opdyke

- ☐ Health Care Clinics included Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar, Chair Massage, and Foot Care. A total of 32 people attended.

- ☐ All activities were cancelled on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, due to weather.

- ☐ Lunch Bunch was held at World Buffet on the 24<sup>th</sup>, with 15 participants.

- ☐ This month's guest speaker was Tammy Aslin from Northwind. Tammy's presentation was on Winter Safety.

- ☐ Commissioner Thorburn shared a recap of the very first Senior Council meeting.

B. Aquatics Coordinator – Dave Hill

- ☐ Youth & Adult Swim classes will conclude by March 24. There are a number of make-up classes needed because of weather cancellations. The session has 91 children, 6 adults, and 2 private lessons.

- ☐ 752 people participated in the water aerobics program during the month of February.

- ☐ There were 1,064 pool users in the month of February, which is an increase of 27 patrons over February 2014.

C. Recreation Specialist – Jen Daly

- ☐ Youth Recreation Basketball ended on February 28. There were 160 participants.

- ☐ Youth Spring Soccer deadline was extended to February 27. Currently, there are 555 registrations.

- ☐ Softball registration is underway. Currently, there are 16 teams that have taken advantage of the new early bird registration.

D. Recreation Programmer – Kathy Sobczyk

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- ☐ The Spring Magazine has been sent to the printer and should be mailed in the next week.
- ☐ The first draft of the Fireworks brochure has been completed.

E. Recreation Coordinator – Barbara Sherbo Kellogg

- ☐ The Senior Council held its first meeting on March 4, with 28 seniors attending. There was a brainstorming session which lead to a variety of interests.
- ☐ The Winter Warm Up event will end on March 22. The celebration will take place at Hawk Island Park
- ☐ Two new Zumba instructors have been hired to accommodate the growth.
- ☐ Boating Safety will be offered, in cooperation with the Lansing Sail & Power Squadron. We will also offer a Spring Break Horse Camp, in cooperation with Sierra Rose Farms.

F. Parks Supervisor Report –Pat Schieding

- ☐ Staff has completed renovations at the Community Center. The dance floor was replaced and rooms were painted.
- ☐ Painting has concluded at the Enrichment Center.
- ☐ Applications for seasonal employees are being received. Seasonal employees will start in May.

G. Director's Report

- ☐ The department will apply for 4 grants to the DNR. Grants include a pathway connecting Hunter's Orchard & Delta Mills Parks, development of the Mount Hope Park, a Canoe Launch on Willow Hwy, and a restroom building at Hawk Meadow Park.
- ☐ The department will go live with its new software (Active Net) on March 9.
- ☐ The Fire Department will use the house and barns at Hunter's Orchard Park for training.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. Fireworks 2015 – Marcus shared the first draft of the brochure. Some changes were recommended for clarification. The brochure will be updated and sponsor letters will be available.
- B. Cemetery Rules & Regulations – Marcus presented recommended changes to the rules and regulations. There was discussion on some of the changes and Marcus will follow up with clarification and additional information. A vote will take place at March's meeting on the updating of the rules and regulations.
- C. Curbside Recycling - The agreement with Granger has been signed. Granger has begun notifying residents and pickup will begin in early June.

**7. Public Comment**

None

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Kelsey, support by Lee to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara A Thorburn*

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